

WASHINGTON, DC— Congressman Earl Blumenauer will join Congressman Peter DeFazio and Congresswoman Darlene Hooley in hosting a forum to hear about people's experience with the new Medicare Part D prescription drug program, and discuss resources to help seniors and the disabled learn about and enroll in the program. The event will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27 at the Hollywood Senior Center at 1820 NE 40th Ave. in Portland..

Since enrollment in the new Medicare Part D program began on November 23, 2005 there have been endless reports about seniors, the disabled and their families having difficulty using the program's website, gathering information about the drug plans and deciding which plan works best for them.

While all three Members of Congress voted against the complicated and expensive Medicare Modernization Act, and share seniors' frustrations that the program is confusing and for many doesn't provide adequate relief from the high cost of prescription drugs, they have worked with Oregon groups to develop resources to help seniors find their way through the new Medicare Part D prescription drug program.

Blumenauer, DeFazio and Hooley will listen to the experiences people have had with the program to date, and encourage people to submit letters sharing their personal experiences with the Medicare Part D program which they will make part of the congressional record on the program. The three members will be holding similar forums earlier in the day in Salem and Eugene.

WHO: Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Congressman Peter DeFazio
Congresswoman Darlene Hooley

WHAT: Listen to experiences of people with the new Medicare Part D prescription drug program

WHEN: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 27

WHERE: Hollywood Senior Center
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Portland